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Communication and Public Comment

Examiner: C. Y. T. Truong

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office communication mailed December 19, 2006 (Paper No. 20061023), Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-34 and 41-47 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I Claims 1-34 and 41-47 which are, according to the Examiner, drawn to authorization access and Group II claims 35-40 which are, according to the Examiner, drawn to searching comments. The Examiner contends that the inventions of the Group I and Group II claims are distinct from each other because the Group I claims and the Group II claims are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Truong for the courtesies extended during a call on January 3, 2007. As discussed, the examiner indicated her willingness to consider whether the claims of non-elected Group II can be re-included in this application during examination. In the meantime, in compliance with the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II with traverse.

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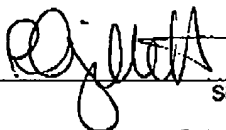
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